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1. According to the State Planning Commission, the 1953 investment plan for the Ministry of Smelting and Ore Mining totals 632 million DM East. Of this amount, 600 million is for main installations and 32 million for branches (Nebenanlage). The Ministry had requested 392 million. The Ministerial Council of the GDR, however, ordered an examination and a reallocation of 1953 investments in favor of the national forces. This decision was not noted in the protocol of the meeting. Examination of investments had to be completed [redacted]; in the Ministry, it resulted in a '2 million DM' reduction. It is thought that a further out forcing a reduction in production will have to be made. 25X1
2. The Ministerial Council decided [redacted] to allocate 1,000,000 DM East for prizes in various ministries. [redacted] it was decided that, in order to assure the monetary and credit policy, all credit proposals be submitted to the Deutsche Notenbank 10 days before the appropriate meeting of the Council. Higher salaries were agreed upon for teachers. 25X1
3. The following changes have been decreed by Heinrich Rau's Trade and Industry Coordination office: the Research and Technical Division of the Ministry for Smelting and Ore Mining is to be transformed into a Main Administration. Marketing Departments (Absatzabteilungen) are to be established in all industrial ministries. The Labor Department of the Smelting and Mining Ministry is to be strengthened.
4. The matter of transportation difficulties was brought before the Ministerial Council [redacted]. Lack of trucks has produced great shortages of coal, scrap and the like in plants. Likewise, finished coarse and light plate and block steel can be transported from producing plants only in small amounts. 25X1

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